

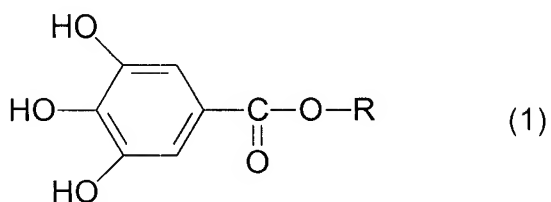
IN THE CLAIMS:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 28 wherein the additive is present in an amount of from 0.005 to 3% by weight relative to the asphalt.

4. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an asphalt composition which is resistant to peeling, comprising combining an additive with asphalt in the absence of water, said additive comprising either one or both of (I) or (II) below:

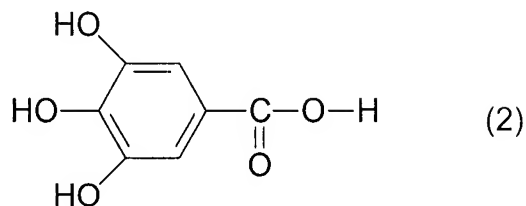
(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented

by formula (3) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an asphalt composition according to Claim 4, comprising adding the additive to an asphalt which is heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C in an amount of 0.005 to 3% by weight based on the weight of the asphalt.

7-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 28, wherein said additive comprises component (II).

22. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises component (I).

23. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises component (II).

24. (Cancelled)

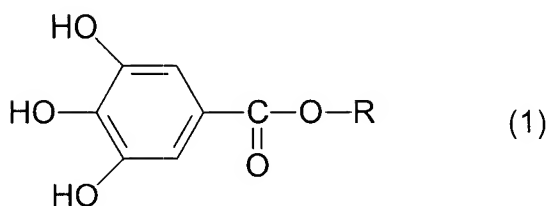
25. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises both component (I) and (II).

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 28, wherein said additive comprises both component (I) and (II).

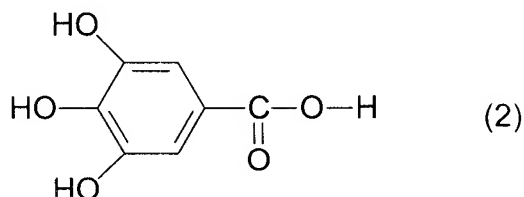
28. (Previously Presented) A heated asphalt composition that is formed by blending an additive with asphalt in the absence of water, said asphalt heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C, said additive comprising either one or both of (I) or (II) below:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:

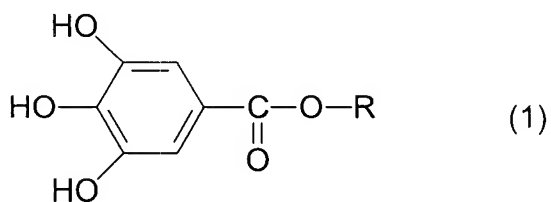


wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

29. (Previously Presented) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 28, wherein said additive comprises component (I).

30. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an asphalt composition which is resistant to peeling, comprising combining an additive with asphalt in the absence of water, said asphalt heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300°C, said additive present in an amount of 0.005 to 3% by weight of the asphalt, said additive comprising either one or both of (I) or (II) below:

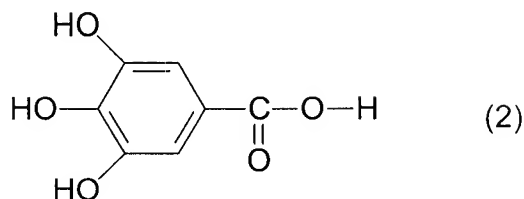
(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented

by formula (3) below:

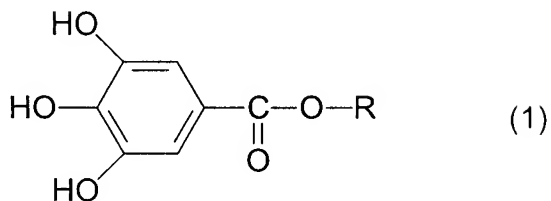


wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing according to Claim 30, wherein said additive comprises component (I).

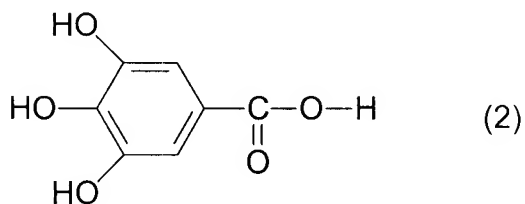
32. (Currently Amended) A heated asphalt composition comprising component (II) and optionally ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of~~ component (I), with component (I) represented by formula (1) and component (II) represented by formulas (2) and (3) and heated asphalt in the absence of water, wherein (I) and (II) are defined as follows:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing according to Claim 30, wherein said additive comprises component (II).

35. (Cancelled)